possible to pursue the target of 10,000 MWe by 2000 AD mainly due to resource constraints and it has, therefore, been decided to match the programme with available resources.

ट्राम्बे और तारापुर में रेडियोधर्मी द्रव पदार्थ पड़ा होना

3497. **श्री नरेन्द्र मोहन:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या ट्राम्बे तथा तारापुर में सैकड़ों टन रेडियोधर्मी द्रव पदार्थ टैंकों में भरा पड़ा है तथा उसकी दशा बहुत अधिक बिगड़ चुकी है और वह कभी भी जनसुरक्षा के लिए गंभीर खतरा बन सकता है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है;

योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री तथा विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र कुमार भगतराम अलघ): (क) और (ख) जी, नहीं। ट्राम्बे और तारापुर में स्थित टैंकियों में भंडारित किए जाने वाले और द्रव विकिरणसक्रिय अपशिष्ट पदार्थों से जन सामान्य की सुरक्षा को कोई खतरा नहीं है, क्योंकि ये भंडारण प्रणालियों सुरक्षा संबंधी उच्च मानदण्डों को पूरा करती हैं।

Proposal from Foreign investors for setting up of Nuclear Power Plants

3498. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposals from foreign investors to set up nuclear power plants in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up such a nuclear power plant in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (d) Government have not received any such proposal. Some preliminary interest has been expressed, but no details are available.

Private Sector participation in Nuclear Power

3499. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes private sector particiaption in promoting and generating nuclear power in the country; and

(b) if so, the decision taken by Government in this regard stating the braod features of the new policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) Government of India are open to specific offers for participation by private firms, Indian or foreign, in the nuclear power sector. Such offers, when received have to be considered on the basis of technical suitability, economic attractiveness and conditions attached thereto.

Forcible repatriation of Indian doctors from America

3500. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether thousands of Indian doctors currently practising in United States are being repatriated from that country;

(b) whether Government have lodged a formal protest with the J.S. authorities in the matter; and

(c) whether the U.S. action is in contravention of the letter and spirit of the terms and conditions of the World Trade Organisation?